December 24, 1999 from Kathmandu. The committee submitted its report on January 24, 2000. The Government of India are yet to receive the committee's report since it has not been made public so far. The Government are not aware whether any other country, including Pakistan, have asked Nepal to make available a copy of the report.

Newsitem on Bhartiya Uchchayog Karmi Kee Buri Tarah Pitai

†1574. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in Rashtriya Sahara on 17th January, 2000 under the caption "Bhartiya Uchchayog Karmi Kee Buri Tarah Pitai"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government strongly condemned this incident. A strong protest was lodged with Pakistan about the abhorrent behaviour of the Pakistan authorities with Shri P. Moses, a staff member of the Indian-High Commission in Islamabad. Government also rejected the false and baseless allegations made by the Government of Pakistan against Shri Moses and reminded it that such action was grossly violative of Pakistan's internatioal and bilateral obligations.

Connecting Madhya Pradesh with an International Gateway Hub

†1575. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to promote internet facilities for giving impetus to information technology;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to accord the approval on the proposal submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for connecting the Bhopal and Indore cities of the State with an international gateway hub; and

(c) if so, by when this approval will be granted to the State?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.